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GRAIN MARKETS HIGHER,

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ALL MARKETS WERE STRONG, WHEAT ESPECIALLY.

Trading for the Closing Day of the Week Was Better Than Is Usually the Case.

Office Republic. Saturday, Sept. 1, 1900. WHEAT-There was quite a difference between this morning's opening and yesstrength that was entirely unexpected after such a decline as that of yesterday in this country's markets. Liverpool was unchanged for Sept. to %d. higher for Dec., and London firmer for cargoes and %d. better for futures. The most impressive cable. however, came from Paris, where an advance reported equal to 2.89c in wheat and flour up 60 centimes. A later Paris cable quoted the wheat and flour market unchanged. It was stated that the big advance was in distant options and due to a transferrence of trade from near to distant options. The crowd, however, had been pretty well worked up by the first cable and the buying was so lively that quite an upturn was seen. Dec. opened %4%c better at 74%c and sold up to 74%c. Sept. sold at 71%c and later 71%c bid. A low area in the Northwest that might bring rain to that section over Sunday had a builtsh ef-

Receipts were full, those at St. Louis, 94, 500 bu, which, though 27,000 bu, smaller than last Saturday, were 46,000 bu, larger than a year ago. Chicago had 200,000 bu, and Kansas City, 294,000 bu., against respectively, 236,000 bu. and 217,000 bu. last week and \$8,000 and 151,000 bu, a year ago. The total at primary points was 1,173,000 bu, against 1,115,000 bu, a week ago, 845,-600 bu. a year ago and 1,001,000 bu, two years

fect on the Northern market and reactively

in flour and wheat 649,000 bu., a large pro-

scare would do, even if it was made to or-der. Liverpool was up 14d. And the rally in wheat had a sympathetic effect; Sept. sold 14c higher at 301-2c and Dec. opened 14c up at 131-3c and shortly 332-3c bid. For Oct. 37c bid. Oct. 37c bid.

Receipts at the primary markets were \$27,000 bu, against 759,000 bu, one year ago, including 23,550 bu, at St. Louis, against 48,600 bu, last year, and shipments 426,000 bu,

were \$77,000 bu.

The markets attracted little attention after the early treiding. At close 39½0 was bid for Sept., but Dec. offered at 33%0.

Cash market-Received, 140 sacks and 13 cars local and 25 cars through. Very quiet, as buyers scarce. No. 2 sold at 41%0, but more offered at 41c and unsold. No. 2 white sold at 41c and st. Charles at 41%0.

OATS—Western markets received 58,690 bu., against 78,000 bu. one year ago; 28,000 bu. at 5t. Louis, against 56,400 bu. last year, and shipped 404,000 bu. Exports were 51,000 bu.

No speculation

the week, as not much business reported. Sellers hold firmly. Quotatlogs in soft winter wheat flour are as follows:
Patents, \$1.5062.65; straights, \$3.3562.45; extra fancy, \$2.3062.30; clear, \$2.9063; low and medium, \$2.3562.50.
Hard winter in jute sacks \$2.2562.60 for bakers; \$2.8063 for straights, and \$3.1063.25 for retains. Hard winter in jute sacks \$2.2562.60 for bakers; \$2.8663 for straights, and \$2.1063.25 makers; \$2.8663 for straights, and \$2.1063.25 makers choice \$4.85c; or patents.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at \$2.25 in sacks and \$3.45 in barrels.

CORN MEMI-S262.65; pearl meal, grits ind hominy, \$2.30.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

Local Fruit, Vegetable, Poultry, Egg and Butter Quotations.

Missouri & Illinois

Med. combing 19 930

Berald & low. 18 9185

Burry & clear
mixed & low. 2 918

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JELARS—Quoter Southern Le Conte at 15000e per bu, box; near-by common varieties at 1500 dec. Barriette and Howelt at 25000e, and sugar pears 20000e per b-bu, basked.

GRAPES—Climar briskets Hartfords and Ives quouable at se and Concerds at 19012e; t-bu baskets Concords 25c and white varieties at 25c. CRAB APPLES—At DNESS per te-bu, basket and at 2.50 per sugar bbi, for choice Siberian; common unsatable.

PLUMS—Quote per te-bu, basket: Newmon at fee: common varieties at DNESS; damsons at the common varieties at New Let daments at the soft, overripe and leaky less.

PINEAPPLES Ployada smooth Cavenne quot-noble at 2 per case containing 15 pines stock rather too green.

CALIFORNIA PPLIT-Quote: Bartlett pears 1992 and Burre bardy 11.6-81.75 per 46-3b. to Plums per 2-3b. crack gross prunes and German prunes at 21.6-92.5c. Kelsey Japan, plums at 31.5 Tokay grapes at 51.5-901.65, and Mickel at 8-921. per holf crate. Peaches orange clings and Susquelantial, at 1993 per 25-16. De ANTES Wessele variety from OPANTES Wessele (1993).

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CORN MEAL-32826; pearl meal, grits and hominy, 3.28.

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THE COTTON MARKETS.

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Rugging 1%-th 8.18c per yard, 2-th, 8.28c, 2%-th 8.8c from ties \$1.21 Hemp twine to per 1b, Warehouse statement to-day;

Demand Was Weak and Prices Remained Nominally Unchanged.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New York Sept. 1.—Dressed poultry receipts to-day were Sie piers. A few small lots from the Stathwest garded and solid at 15c for springs, while a small shipment overdue from Ohio arrived two days late, with lee all metted and struck green, and which is of no settled value. There was very little demand, but prices remained nominally unchanged.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—lord poultry weak; turkeys Thegree; chickens Stationer.

Butter, Cheese and Eggs.

New York, Sept. 1.- Butter-Beceipts 4:12
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Elgin Butter Market.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Figin, III. Sept. t.—Butter firm at 20%; be carrings and no call sales. Butter year ago 20c. Soles of the week 11.600 tube.

Madrid, Sept. 2.—The report of the Bank of rain for the week ended yesterday shows the following:
Gold in hand, no change: silver in hand de-creesed 125,00 presents; notes in circulation in-creased 2,005,00 posents.
The gold quotation yesterday was 25.59.

Hester's Annual Report.

California Dried Fruits.

Wool. New York, Sept. 1.--Wool quiet; fleece 2:925c; Texas 19816c. Yexas 15916c. Sugar.
New York, Sept. 1.—No market—holiday. New York, Sept. 1.—No market—boilday,
Bidden and Lenther.

New York, Sept. 1.—Hides firm; Galveston Go
to 25 (ba) 18c; California Go to 25 (ba) 284c;
Texas day G2 to 30 (ba) 184c. Leather firm;
hemioca sole, light to heavy weights 223-5724c;
acid 224-5725c.

Metal Market.

New York Sept. 1.—Pig. Ivan dull: Northern

New York, Sept. 1.—Pig Iron dull: Northern \$15817; Southern \$15817, Copper dull; brokers \$15.75. Lead dull; brokers H. Tin plate dull. Turpentine and Rosin. New York, Sept. 1.—Turpentine—South #1951%c. losin—Strained, common to good \$1.52% 1.55.

Santiago de Chile, Sept. 2.—In the pres-cuce of President Errasuriz and the local authorities the electric tramway system of Santiago was formally inaugurated to-day. The public was greatly delighted at the out-come, and the installation of similar meth-

THE KEENEST TRADERS.

MANY HEAVY LOSSES RE-CORDED LAST WEEK.

Wall Street Speculators at Loss to Understand Peculiar Fluctu-

New York, Sept. 2.-There was practically no change in the Wall street situation dur-ing the week just ended. The stock market was slightly more active than in th preceding week, total transactions on the Stock Exchange during the five business narrow and irregular, but was on the whole The slightly increased activity and firm

ness, however, was not due to any revival of sepculative interest among the public. of the exchange, who showed no disposiof the exchange, who showed no disposi-tion to maintain any position for any length of time. In the absence of an out-side interest, it is relatively easy for the professional lenders to successfully "milk" the market. Louis Wormser and his friends have lately shown themselves skill-ful at this sort of thing, and other promi-nent room traders have been playing the game industriously, realizing that it is about all that can be done in a market like the present.

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"It is impossible to beat this market," say the iraders, "If you buy them when they look strong, you find the buils selling out to you even though Louis Worms, himself is offering to buy thousands of shares an eighth below the market. If you sell them when they look weak, you find the bears themselves buying from you. It is a market in which there is no chance to do anything but lose money."

Wall street gladly put up its shutters Friday night and welcomed the triple holiday. A whole week's suspension of stock exchange sessions would not be unpopular. Commission houses throughout the street are not making their expenses and are complainly constantly. Few of them have the good grace to admit that the duilness is only averaging the recent abnormal ne-

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Political affairs are the most important stock market factors at the moment. The street insists that it has no fears whatever as to the outcome of the election. Nevertheless, it is a fact that there are many doubts right at the moment, and these are likely to extend and become acute. Pools and individual operators are centering their attention upon the specialties, and these stocks may be expected to present the only interesting features of the market until outside sentiment is influenced by some new development. Sugar trust, the favorite ball of Wall street professionals, is being kicked about in merry fashion.

Once more the Chicago Gas war is on and the stock of what is now the People's Gas Company has been pushed up and down by insiders and by Chicago politicians in a way that has not been profitable to New York speculators.

Borlin, Sept. 2—Last week the Boerse showed a decided improvement. Interest was concentrated chiefly upon isdustrials and play upon coal shares, of which the standard lines showed gains of from 8 to 12 points. Iron shares also advanced upon the reports of a continued improvement in the American iron trade.

This improvement on the Boerse was assisted by an unusually easy money market during the monthly settlement. Contrary to all experience, rates weakened during the settlement. The financial press, contrasting the present situation with that of last year, when the autumn demands had already made themselves strongly felt, predicts that conditions will remain much more favorable than they were a year ago. Government funds again lost moderately during the week. Bank stock gained upon the publication of more favorable reports from several small institutions that had been expected.

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The coal scarcity continues and is much discussed. An advance of 1 mark per ten has been made in Silesia. The burning of peat has begun in Berlin on a large scale. The proposed reduction of railway freights on imported coal as the papers point out, cannot attract English coal, owing to its dearness, but will leave the field open for American coal. The Berliner Tageblatt says:

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"It would be singular if the enterprising Americans should let the present favorable opportunity pass without a powerful effort to increase the coal export."

The Boersen Zeitung remarks:

"The German demand must depend upon American coal for the next few months."

The situation of the Iron, market is somewhat improved. The sheet mills of Westphalia report increased orders.

Germany's pig Iron production for July was \$5,212 tons, as against \$5,424 for the previous month.

Hamburg's trade with Cuba is reviving, the imports for 1834 being 12,309,000 marks, as against 1,709,000 for 1895.

The incomes of German railways for July aggregated 181,609,000 marks, or an increase of 9,000,000 over the returns for June.

Dutch and Belgian scaports are now outstripping the German in the matter of tonnage. Arrivals at Bremen have increased ill per cent; while the increase at Aniwerp has been 35 per cent; at Amsterdam it per cent, and at Rotterdam 52 per cent.

KRUGER AT BARBERTON.

British Report That He is Preparing to Flee.

Steyn have gone to Barberton. It is be-lieved that they are preparing for flight. The general opinion is that the war is now very near the end, but, should the Boers The gives pear the end, but, should the Boers construct strongholds in the bush, on the veidt, or elsewhere, and begin a system of raids, the British would require further large supplies of horses.

General Buller moved fourteen miles northwestward along the Lydenburg road and crossed Crocodile River to Badfontein. He found the Boers concentrating near the Crocodile Mountains.

A force of Boers under Commandant Theron broke through the British lines and captured and burned a supply train at Kilp Elver Station, taking thirty-five presents. Brabant's horse proceeded thither, recap-

STEAMBOATS.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that permission having been granted by the Honorable Commissioner of Navigation, the name of the gasoline vessel "W. M. Brock" will be changed to that of "Larline." J. B. Varnum, Secretary Rocheport Ferry and Packet Co.

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For St. Paul and Intermediate Landings. Str. DUBUQUE leaves Monday, Sept. 3, 4 p. m. Tel. Main 1867A. ISAAC P. LUSK, Agt. tured all the prisoners and drove the Boers

Pinar's River, capturing twenty-six Beers, a number of wagons and a quantity of cat-tic and rifles. RIVER NEWS.

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boncontracted in France. It is known that Russian needs something like 160,09,000 (20) to complete the Trans-Siberian Railroad, the necessity of which has been demonstrated during the Chinese crisis. It is argued that, if the Russian Minister of Finance, M. de Witte, gets the loan, in addition to supplying Russia with the sinews of war, in case she should be disposed to break the peace, the large amount secured would enable M. de Witte to recommende his auromaniac policy of hoarding gold, thus disturbing the money markets of the world.

On the whole, however, the week was a good one, prices improving, although consists by an analysis of the prospect of Labor Day as affecting the New York market; but prices closed a fraction above parity. Southern Pacific shares rose 5 point; Baltimore and Ohio, 12. Atchison, 14. Eric, 15. Norfolk and Western, 14. and Union Pacific, 14.

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AMERICANS IN STEERAGE.

Hardships Imposed by Lack of Adequate Transportation.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—Owing to the unusually heavy westward passenger traffic, as well as to the interruption in sailing, owing to the Hoboken disaster, and to the chartering of passenger steamers by the German Government for use in Chinese waters, many American citizens have recently been compelled to take steerage passage in returning to the United States.

The physicians of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company have insisted upon vaccinating all of these, to meet the requirements of the United States laws. Retently an American filed strong objections with Mr. Henry W. Diederich, United States Consul at Bremen, who wrote to Washington for instructions, meanwhile forbidding the physicians in question to vaccinate Americans in the steerage, on the ground that the law was intended to apply to immigrants only. Berlin, Sept. 2.-Owing to the unusually

75,578,000 POPULATION.

The United States Shows 20 Per Cent Increase in Ten Years.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The United States has a population of about 75,578,000 in 1900, as against 62,622,250 in 1890, an increase of 12,955,780, or more than 30 per cent.

In cities so far counted, Illinois leads in increase, two of its cities having gained 51.39 per cent. Two in Indiana show a gain of 46.08 per cent; five in New York, 35.15 per cent. five in Ohio, 22.59 per cent; four in New Jersey, 30.77 per cent; tour in New England, 27.65 per cent and four in Pennsylvania, 24.67 per cent.

Two cities in Iowa show only 5.70 per cent increase, while Omaha in Nebraska, shows 35.38 per cent loss.

The center of population will be near Indianapolis, Ind.

PLUMBERS STRIKE.

Rebuilding of Fire-Swept District in Bloomington Impeded.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 2—A strike of the journeyman plumbers is on in Bloomington. The men demand \$1.59 for eight hours. They have been paid \$1 for nine hours. One firm of employers Saturday evening sought to compromise by offering \$2 for eight hours, but the offer was rejected. Twenty-two men are out, constituting a majority of the plumbers employed by the seven firms.

The strike is Pkely to prove a very serious obstacle in the rebuilding of the burned district swept by the great fire of June 19. A number of new buildings have reached the stage where plumbers work is essential to further progress.